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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It is critical for my businesses to have competition and excellent service from companies like Sonic, a local broadband provider. For years before I had Sonic, I was being charged tons of money for poor / inadequate service. Ive been with Sonic for over 5 years now and as a small business owner, they have been an absolute blessing to have them provide our phone, Fax and internet services for much less cost and higher speeds than the former providers. They have been honest and fair about their pricing too. In business, competition is what drives every industry forward and allows us , the consumers, choices in who provides the things we need in business. I love the service and quality of support that Sonic has given my business , I recommend them to everyone I know.

I implore you to deny cost increases and expensive , debilitating restrictions against local broadband providers. These costs and restrictions would be a significant negative impact to small business owners and non-profit directors like me, and right now our communities need providers that are fair, affordable , supportive and locally operated and owned to continue to keep things evolving for the future . Thank you for hearing my request ! M. Martin

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